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Month June 07

SUBJECT.

Promotion of Mr W Sriniwasa Ayyangar as Acting Civil Surgeon, Nellore

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

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This subject was discussed in Council to-day, and was ordered to be brought up when the vacancy in which Mr.W.Srinivasiengar is acting is to be permanently filled up.

The following opinion was ordered to be recorded in the file for future reference

~~G.T.J.N.I.O.U.~~

The opinions now elicited were not before Govt: when they sanctioned Mr.W.Srinivasiengar's appointment as officiating Civil Surgeon. In view of the very decided opinion as to his inefficiency expressed by Dr.Armugum Mudaliar, under whom he underwent training in post graduate work for over a year, and also by the permanent Senior Surgeon, Colonel Smyth, the Council consider it inexpedient to entrust Mr. Srinivasiengar with the independent Medical charge of a District. When the vacancy in which he is now acting ceases or becomes permanent, he should be reverted to the grade of Assistant Surgeon and given some subordinate charge of a suitable character.

The Senior Surgeon may then be informed that neither Mr.Rajarama Rao nor Mr.W.Srinivasiengar need in future be recommended for independent medical charges of Districts.

The confidential D.O. correspondence is kept separately in a sealcover and attached hereto. 12.6.07.

11.6.07

Sd/- The 2nd Councillor for Legal-

12.6.07

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Major Drake Brockman's D.O
is subt to Secretary for perusal
20/4/07

It will be seen from Major Drake Brockman's D.O of 8th April 1907 that Government were not well advised in promoting Mr W. Srinivasa Iengar to an acting Civil Surgeoncy. Please put up the file relating to the acting promotion of Mr Srinivasa Iengar
20/4/07

File put up.

Mr Achyutha Rao, while officiating as Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Commr made the undeserved recommendation - which led to Mr W. Srinivasa Iengar being temporarily promoted to a Civil Surgeoncy

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I am sorry that Mr Achyutha Rao should have made such a hasty & ill considered recommendation

If Mr Srinivasa Iengar with his declared unfitness is considered worthy of promotion I do not see why the bar Minister should prevail with regard to Mr Raja Rama Rao — The latter is in some respects preferable to the former

I am constrained to recommend that the temporary promotion granted to Mr Srinivasa Iengar under a misapprehension should now

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to be Cancelled

R. Mattamuppet
2d Councillor
30/4/07

This involves an alteration of an arrangement decided in Council & approved by H.H.
If approved, it will be again placed before Council
Dewan
30/4/07

The Dewan thinks that this may be placed before Council.

C&B
30/4/07

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2.5.07
6.5.07

~~Submitted~~ to 1st Councillor
1-5-07

If Dr Hockley will turn to his letter no 313 & 22nd Oct 1906 to the letter referred to in the 2nd Councillor's note, it will be observed that the recommendation therein contained is somewhat qualified. At any rate a sufficient circumstantial statement is made therein to enable Govt to form their own judgment & therefore to take upon themselves the responsibility for a decision.
2 Whenever called to have the papers complete. I would like to see footnote (a) to the Secretary's office letter No 988

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letter no 988 of 7 Aug 1903 (b) Another file* leading up to Mr Srinivasagam's present posting to Shimoga (Medicine Quart from the Victoria Hospital) in which reference was made to some error of his in connection with Lockup work & Colsmyth recommended that it might be overlooked. (c) Any other papers relevant to the question now before Govt -

3 Reference is made to 'postgraduate course'. I shd like to see the papers on this subject with a view to understanding what the course means & consists of, whether it was sanctd by Govt as it entails (I believe) some extra cost on Govt, or -

In the office Note 7 May 07

Notes in File no 138

× Reference is made to a remark of the late Dewan in respect of Mr Raja Rao's case of 3 July 1903. This case & connected papers may also be perused - Note 7 May 07

Mr. Alfred wanted are put up
7/5/07

1. I suppose the subject will be taken up at Council meeting for discussion on the merits.

2 [illegible] Mr W.S. joined the Victoria Hospital for postgraduate course on 30 June 05. The course is for 6 months - Mr WS was at the VH till 30 Sept 06 & thence on Dr Smyth's recommendation sent to Shimoga [illegible] as DMSO - It is a Civil Surgeons

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Surgeons station C.L. Smythe left no record of any opinion on W.S.'s unsuccessful post graduate course & had only left a note that on Major Jeans' transfer Dehra Dun W.S. should be sent to Chitral during absence Osman Sait to Shimoga. When the question of promoting W.S. to the vacancy among Civil Surgeons caused by Dr. Smyth's appointment as Jail Supdt. was discussed no doubt was suggested as to W.S.'s fitness, & the only question was about Major Lamb's suspension. Upon W.S. being promoted as acting Civil Surgeon (21 Dec 06) he was asked whether he would be allowed to remain at Shimoga which is a Civil Surgeon's station instead of being sent to Chitral which is not a Civil Surgeon's station & where Mr. W.S. had already been for 8 years.]

3 The reasons of this case are as follows:—

(A) If Govt. is to be guided unfailingly by the recommendations & opinions of the Head of a Dept., it is better to delegate such to those Heads rather than keep it in its own hands.

(B) It is desirable to have periodical Character & efficiency reports (half yearly or Annual) in regard to all graded officers so that Govt. may know of their efficiency & usefulness from time to time instead of having to depend for such knowledge only when questions of promotion arise

(C) If a Medical Officer is not to be a Civil Surgeon he should not be appointed

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Asst Civil Surgeons duties —

(d). ~~There should be~~
In order to secure consistency & continuity in the matter of promotions & postings in the Medical Dept, there should be some understanding as to the extent to which a Civil Surgeon shd be a good physician or a high class surgeon or both — When a medical graduate is fresh from College he is perhaps equally good at both medicine & surgery But in course of time his abilities develope in one direction more than in the other ' or they may develope in a high degree in one direction & deteriorate in the other

Included in Appendix — [illegible]

Routine Notes.

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The Secretary

Please ask Mayor

Duke Brockman

to send any Capi

dental Premises

that may have been

left on record by Col Smyth & Col Beaumont

finding the work

future to premises

of Mr Rajaramba Rao

Mr Srinivasagam

12/4/07

TD written despatch -

12/4/07

A/S received & submitted

B.—Should routine notes be written on small Slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

Confidential

The opinions on record
do not help us much
in deciding whether
the permanent vacancy
in Civil Surgeoncy should go
to Mr Rajaram Rao or
Mr W Srinivasagam
or to ~~None~~ neither. What is wanted
is a comparative estimate
of the two Officers for purpose
of promotion. I see that there
is no opinion on record about
the post graduate course of
Mr Srinivasagam. Doctor
Cunningham Moore should be asked
to give his opinion regarding
it.

I cannot see whether the Acting
Assistant Surgeon
Mr Srinivasagam

[F.S. 13]

Routine Notes.

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Mr Rajaram Rao who is his
Patron and I am anxious that
no injustice should be done to the
latter

Major Drake Brockman may
be requested to favour us
Confidentially with his opinion
after he has seen both the
medical officers

W W Hallimond
Secretary

4/1907

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Confidential D. O. letters.

Re Messrs W. Sreenivasien
& Rajarama

D. O.

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SURGEON AND
SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE CITY

CONFIDENTIAL. Bangalore, April 3th 190

Dear Sir,

With reference to your Confidential DO of January 12th 1907 respecting the promotion of the two Asst Surgeons Messrs Rajaram Rao & N. Srinivasiengar, I have just received a reply from Lt-Col Smyth from England, to whom I referred the question on receipt of your above letter, and he writes as follows:- " Re promotion of N. Srinivasiengar & Rajaram Rao- my opinion is that they are not fit to be Civil Surgeons,- both have acted in positions which ought to be held by Civil Surgeons, and done their work badly Armugam repeatedly reported to me that Srinivasiengar was useless in the Victoria Hospital.....During plague times Rajaram Rao was a man in whom no one had confidence-& his reading is very limited. I cannot therefore recommend either of them for advancement"

On the matter being refer-

D. O.

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SURGEON AND
SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE CITY.

CONFIDENTIAL. Bangalore, April 8th 190

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On the matter being referred again to Dr Armugam under whom they both have at times been posted for post-graduate work, he reports confidentially as follows:- " Messrs C. Rajaram Rao & N. Srinivasa Iyengar, when they began their post-graduate course in the Victoria Hospital were found to be men of very poor professional attainments. During their post-graduate course they did

not improve their theoretical knowledge by the study of recent standardauthors. They had ample opportunities of witnessing both simple and high class surgical operations, but they did not shew the least sign of improvemen in operative surgery at the end of their post-graduate course, and I regret very much to have to conclude from this that they are incapable of improvement. Both of them are very nervous medical officers as far as the performance of surgical operations & as such are incompetent to be in independent medical charge of districts, where they may be called upon to meet various surgical emergencies of varying importance. During their postgraduate course they learnt the management of surgical cases after operation & they were able to do this part of their work only as well as Hospl assistants and nurses but not as independent medical officers of average attainment.

(Signed) T.V.Arumugam

V.S. Victoria Hospital.

It will be seen from the above reports that neither was fit for promotion to a grade where they may be called upon to act in independent charge of districts, and I therefore cannot recommend either for promotion .
I regret the delay necessitated, but in the interests of the officials concerned and in ordinary justice to them I felt bound to refer the matter to Col. Smyth to England, hence the delay in reply for which I must ask you to kindly excuse me. Yours sincerely

H.E.Drake-Brockman
Major I.M.S.

R. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esq.

CONFIDENTIAL

Bangalore,

5th February 07.

My dear Sir

Your Personal Assistant's D.O. dated the 2nd instant, forwarding extracts of confidential opinions about Messrs. C.Rajaram Rao and W.Srinivasiengar, Assistant Surgeons.

The opinions recorded do not help Government much either in comparing the two officers with a view to judge which of them deserves promotion, or in deciding whether neither of them deserve it. I am , therefore, directed to request you to favour Government with your opinion confidentially, after you have seen both the officers and their work.

I am also to observe that there is no opinion on record about the post graduate course of Mr.Srinivasiengar. The opinion of Mr.T.V.Armugam Mudaliyar regarding this may be obtained and submitted to Government.

Yours &c
6/2/07

D. O

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SURGEON AND
SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
[redacted]

Bangalore, 2nd Feb 1907

My dear Sir

I am directed by the Senr Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner to forward the Enclosed Extracts for your kind perusal with reference to your D.O dated 12th Jan 07

Bangalore

12th January 07

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send, for perusal by Government, any confidential opinions that may have been left on record by Colonel Benson and Colonel Smyth regarding the work and fitness for promotion of Mr Rajaramrao and Mr. V. Srinivasengar. Asst Surgeons.

Yours Sincerely

(Sd)- K.S. Chandrasekhara

Iyer

Major H. P. Drake Brockman

I.M.S.